Some DuP-Columbia Accolades

Publication of the DuPont-Columbia Survey of Broadcast Journalism (see separate stories) follows up on disclosure of this year's winners of the DuPont-Columbia awards (VARIETY, Nov. 25). The survey itself, drawing in part on reports from DuPont stringers around the country, has words of commendation for individuals and stations not named in the awards themselves. Herewith, some of the Columbia kudos:

—CBS News president Richard Salant is lauded for his "consistent courage" in the face of Government pressure, and his "particularly eloquent" response to Vice President Agnew's charges.

—On CBS' "60 Minutes," Mike Wallace did "a superior investigative job" in his report on Pentagon cost overruns; a series of interviews including those with former Army Private Paul Meadlo and Captain Ernest Medina "made it an impressive year for Wallace."

—On NBC's "First Tuesday," Tom Pettit delivered "outstanding reports on the nuclear establishment and the plight of the American Indian."

—The Apollo 13 near-disaster in April was spotted early by "ABC's alert Jules Bergman."

—NBC's Robert Goralski's coverage of the alleged murder of a Vietnamese double or triple agent by the Green Berets served as "an example of reportorial persistence too rarely seen on television." NBC's Paul Friedman "broke open the cyclamate story . . . His scoop was the big consumer story of the year."

"In the field of investigative reporting, local stations had some outstanding scoops to their credit." Ed Roeder, a student and parttime staffer for WJXT-TV Jacksonville, dug out Judge Harold Carswell's 1948 "white supremacy" speech, starting a chain of events that cost Carswell his appointment.

While "network shows devoted exclusively to the black predicament were fewer this year," CBS' "The Battle of East St. Louis" is lauded as "remarkable." Stations producing "documentaries of top quality" on the race question included WHYN-TV Springfield, WFBM-TV Indianapolis, WFIL-TV Philadelphia and WIIC-TV Pittsburgh.

Also cited for outstanding efforts are the following:

—Bill Kurtis of WBBM-TV Chicago, for his coverage of the conspiracy trials in that city.

—Edwin Diamond, for his commentaries on journalism on WTOP-TV Washington.

—The Urban America Unit of Group W (Westinghouse Broadcasting), for "Give Earth a Chance" and "Oakland: A Tale of Two Cities."

—NBC, for "In Which We Live" (a series aborted after its ninth appearance).

—Metromedia and Cox Broadcasting, for their respective group enterprises on pollution, "1985" and "The Rotten Smell of Success."

—CBS, for the "excellent" "Health in America" series.

Among the individual stations singled out in the report for programs or series of particular distinction are WMAQ-TV Chicago, WTOP-TV Washington, KDKA-TV Pittsburgh, KTAR-TV Phoenix, WHEC-TV Rochester, KQED-TV San Francisco, WTTW-TV Chicago, WMAR-TV Baltimore and WDIO-TV Duluth.